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the OSDBU**

This is a time of year when the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) recognizes members of our community who have made significant contributions to the transportation industry. In this edition of the Transportation Link we proudly feature the DOT 2001 Minority Enterprise Development Week (MEDWeek) award winners.

At OSDBU we want to personally thank all of our award recipients for the contributions they have made within the Department of Transportation. We recognize the hard work and commitment it has taken you to reach this point of success. It is a pleasure to work with you.

This is also the time of year that the Secretary of Transportation presents awards within the Department. This year the highest award was given to the nation's air traffic controllers for their phenomenal response to the events of September 11.

As we all stand together this year, all of us at OSDBU hope that you have a safe and happy holiday season, and a successful Year 2002.



DOT Honors Small Businesses During Its Annual MEDWeek Awards Ceremony

On October 25th, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) held its Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week 2001 Awards Ceremony in recognition of the contributions made by members of the small and disadvantaged business community to the transportation industry and our nation's economy.

A total of 36 awards were given to Minority Business Enterprises, Women-Owned Business Enterprises, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and Minority and Small Business Advocates.

Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta was the keynote speaker. At the ceremony he emphasized that "During this time of America's struggle against terrorism, we will not give up our dreams." "Minority and women-owned businesses are shining examples of the American spirit and resolve, and it is essential that we continue to work together as OneDOT, in partnership with hardworking and determined Americans like the ones recognized here today."

This DOT event is a follow-up to the Annual National MEDWeek Conference sponsored this year by the Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Government Contracting and Minority Enterprise Development (GC/MED).

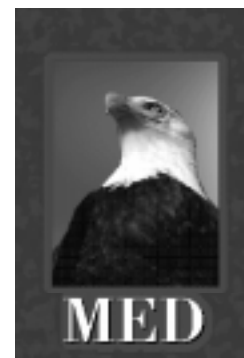
Celebrated this year on September 23-26, MEDWeek is the largest Federal advocacy and educational event sponsored on behalf of Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs). This year's theme, "Strategies for Growth in the American Economy," focused on America's rapidly changing business environment and provided strategies and tools to help minority and women-owned businesses succeed in our nation's changing economic landscape.

In the past three years, DOT has awarded more than \$3 billion in contracts to small, women-owned and disadvantaged businesses. This represents over 56% of DOT's total contracting dollars. Recent information indicates that small, women-owned and disadvantaged businesses received over \$873 million dollars or 51 percent of the Department's total contracting dollars for Fiscal Year 2001.

"Transportation is vital to both our economic success and to our quality of life," stated Secretary Mineta in closing. "Small business entrepreneurs are part of that success and will continue to provide vital contributions to our country's economic health and well being."

DOT's 2001 MEDWeek award winners are shown on the following pages.

For more information on the DOT award ceremony, call Susan Bowser at (202) 366-5577 or (800) 532-1169 x65577, or e-mail her at Susan.Bowser@ost.dot.gov. The DOT press release can be viewed at <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot11201.htm>. Secretary Mineta's speech can be viewed at <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/102501sp.htm>.



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Minority Enterprise Development

MED WEEK 2001 AWARDS

Federal Highway Administration

OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Jing (Connie) Li
Owner
Enfield Enterprises, Inc.



OUTSTANDING WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Erin K. Bashaw
Owner
EB Enterprises

ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ADVOCATE AWARD

Sharon Taelgel
DBE Program Coordinator
Missouri DOT

United States Coast Guard

COMMANDANT'S MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

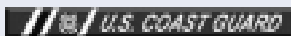
Richard Camacho
Owner
General Environment Management
Services

COMMANDANT'S WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Bernadette Yu
President
For Your Information, Inc.

COMMANDANT'S OUTSTANDING MINORITY and WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ADVOCATE AWARD

Sharon M. May
Program Analyst
Coast Guard Maintenance and
Logistics



Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING MINORITY

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Mary Ann Elliott
President and CEO
Arrowhead Space and
Telecommunications, Inc.

ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING MINORITY OWNED

BUSINESS ADVOCATE AWARD

Richard Rogers
Contracting Officer
Federal Highway Administration

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

DIRECTOR'S OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Xiaoli (Charlie) HAN
President
MacroSys Research and Technology

DIRECTOR'S WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Kathleen Carr
President
Strategic Research Group, LLC

DIRECTOR'S OUTSTANDING MINORITY and WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ADVOCATE AWARD

John Bushery
Assistant Director for Survey Programs

Sharon Durant
Survey Statistician

June Taylor Jones
Survey Statistician

Federal Transit Administration

OUTSTANDING WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Jean Drummond
CEO
Health Care Dynamics (HCD), Interna-
tional, Inc.

OUTSTANDING MINORITY and WOMEN OWNED ADVOCATE ENTERPRISE AWARD

Jacqueline Hathaway
Transportation Program Specialist
Brenda Rollins
Transportation Program Specialist

Transportation Administration Service Center

DIRECTOR'S OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Karla Williams
President
Focus AMC, Inc.

DIRECTOR'S WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

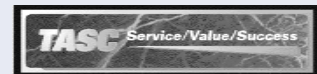
Nancy Slomowitz
President
Executive Management Associates

DIRECTOR'S SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Randy Slager
President
Catapult Technology Limited

DIRECTOR'S OUTSTANDING MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ADVOCATE AWARD

Cyndy Blackmon
Procurement Analyst and Small
Business Liaison Officer



National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Joseph A. Zambrano
President
Capital Consulting Corporation (CCC)

OUTSTANDING WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Beverly Allen
President and CEO
Alcosys, Inc.

ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING MINORITY and WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ADVOCATE AWARD

S. Peter Shultz
Contracting Officer
Gary Bell
Research and Development Program
Manager



Research and Special Programs
Administration

**OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS
ENTERPRISE AWARD**

Dan Eastman
President
Enfield Enterprises, Inc.

Research and Special Programs Administration

**OUTSTANDING WOMEN OWNED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD**

Anne Sicilia
Proprietor
Silver Enterprises

**ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING
MINORITY and WOMEN OWNED
BUSINESS ADVOCATE AWARD**

Linda Byrne
Contract Specialist/Contracting Officer
Volpe National Transportation Systems
Center

Federal Aviation Administration

**ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING
WOMEN OWNED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD**

Carmon Smith
President
Carmon Construction, Inc.



**ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING
MINORITY and WOMEN OWNED
BUSINESS ADVOCATE AWARD**

James D. Pitchard
Program Director
Engineering Division

Phyllis Townsley
Contracting Officer
FAA Mike Monroney Aeronautical
Center

Maritime Administration

**OUTSTANDING MINORITY
BUSINESS
ENTERPRISE AWARD**

Vance Y. Hum
President and CEO
I.M. Systems Group, Inc. (IMSG)



**OUTSTANDING WOMEN-OWNED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD**

Manuela Perez
President
Transforma Marine

**ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING
MINORITY and WOMEN OWNED
BUSINESS ADVOCATE
AWARD**

Richard Carter
Management Analyst and Small
Business Advocate

Office of the Secretary
**SECRETARY'S OUTSTANDING
MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
AWARD**

William Brieghner
President
Bowhead Support Services

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**SECRETARY'S SMALL
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS
ENTERPRISE AWARD**

John Gonzalez
President
JDG Associates, Inc.

**SECRETARY'S OUTSTANDING
MINORITY and WOMEN OWNED
BUSINESS ADVOCATE AWARD**

Charlotte Hackley
Director

Air Traffic Controllers Receive Gold Medal Award

United States Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta presented the U.S. Department of Transportation's highest award for achievement to the nation's air traffic controllers.

The Secretary cited the controllers' response to the events of Sept. 11 in presenting them with the Department's 2001 Gold Medal Award for Outstanding Achievement.

"On Sept. 11, they responded to a challenge that was unprecedented in the history of their industry," Secretary Mineta said at the 34th annual U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Awards Ceremony in Washington. "On that day, I made a determination that the safest way to prevent any more attacks was to ground the entire aviation system. Immediately the air traffic controllers went to work to land thousands of aircraft at the nearest airport. In a matter of hours, every aircraft was down safely."

"I believe the phenomenal performance of the air traffic controllers in carrying out my direction saved lives on that terrible day, and we owe them a debt of gratitude for that."

"Some of you may have seen the pictures of the hundreds of commercial aircraft lined up at small airports like they were on the deck of an aircraft carrier. All over America – and in Canada – people were brought down safely, and one law enforcement leader after another has said that further hijackings were prevented that day."

The Secretary also thanked other employees of the FAA and throughout DOT for their courage and commitment in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks as well as for their hard work and excellence throughout the year.

You can view the Secretary's remarks for the DOT 2001 Gold Medal Award at <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/110101spa.htm>



Congratulations!

Important Reminder!

FedBizOpps (www.fedbizopps.gov), formerly known as the Electronic Posting System (EPS), has been designated as the single source for federal government procurement opportunities that exceed \$25,000. The interim Federal Acquisition Regulation was published in the Federal Register on May 16. It was then open for public comment until July 16, 2001.

Federal agencies had until October 1, 2001 to complete their transition to, or integration with, FedBizOpps. Now, all agencies must use FedBizOpps to provide the public access to notice of procurement actions over \$25,000. To give the public a period to adjust to the change, notices will be posted on FedBizOpps and published in the Commerce Business Daily from October 1, 2001 to January 1, 2002. **After January 1, 2002, contracting officers can stop posting notices in the Commerce Business Daily.**

The FedBizOpps system is used by agencies to post any and all relevant procurement information on the Internet, including procurement notices, solicitations, drawings, and amendments.

On FedBizOpps, vendors can sign up to automatically receive procurement information either by solicitation number, selected organizations, or product service classification.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR December 2001/January 2002

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
December 2-4	Telematics Software and Hardware Developers Conference and Exposition Santa Clara, California	Sandra Fitzgerald (202) 484-4847 www.itsa.org/devcon.html
January 10	Montgomery County Department of Economic Development Moving Forward In Uncertain Times Business Conference Shady Grove, Maryland	Arnetta Quarles (240) 777-2023
January 13-17	Transportation Research Board Annual Conference Washington, DC	(202)334-2934 www.trb.org
January 17-20	United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship Reno, Nevada	Joan Gillman (608) 262-9982 jgillman@facstaff.wisc.edu www.usabe.org

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